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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte OLEG RASHKOVSKIY
and ERIC C. HANNAH

Application 09/706,501
Technology Center 2400

Mailed: December 23, 2008

Before KRISTA ZELE, *Deputy Chief Appeals Administrator*.
ZELE, *Deputy Chief Appeals Administrator*.

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on October 9, 2008. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter(s) requiring attention prior to docketing.

Appellants have not appealed all rejected claims. Specifically, a review of the Grounds of Rejection on the record in the Final Rejection, dated April 11, 2007, finds that rejections are outstanding for the following pending claims: Claims 1, 2-9, 21-28, 79, and 91 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Candelore et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,061,449 and Candelore hereinafter); Claims 2-20, 80-81, and 92-96 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Candelore et al., (U.S. Patent No. 6,061,449 and Candelore hereinafter), in view of Etzel et al., (U.S. Patent No. 6,577,734 and Etzel hereinafter). The rejected claims that have not been appealed and/or argued for appeal are claims 1-8, 10-28, 79-81 and 91-96.

DISCUSSION

The Board of Appeals and Interferences (Board), in *Ex parte Ghuman*, <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/bpai/prec/rm081175.pdf> (BPAI May 14, 2008) (precedential), held that in appeals where rejected claims are expressly withdrawn, or are implicitly withdrawn by not presenting arguments in support of patentability, the Board will remand (or return) the application to the Examiner with instructions to cancel the expressly or implicitly withdrawn claims. *See also Manual of Patent Examining Procedure* (MPEP) § 1215.03 (8th ed. Rev. 6, Sept 2007).

Additionally, claim 9, the claim that the Appellants have presented on appeal, is dependent on claim 1, and must be rewritten and presented in independent form in order to place the claim in reviewable standing before the Board.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the application is returned to the Examiner to enter a paper:

- 1) canceling claims 1-8, 10-28, 79-81 and 91-96;
- 2) instructing the Appellants to place the remaining claim 9 in independent form;
- 3) upon entry of the paper, to return the application to the Board for the consideration of appealed claim; and
- 4) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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